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INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts
on Safety in Tunnels
(Seventh session, 19-20 January 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION

to be held at the Department of Town and Country Planning and Public Works of the Generalitat of Catalonia, Barcelona, starting at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 19 January 2004

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | TRANS/AC.7/14 |
| 2. | Results of the 65 th session of the Inland Transport Committee | ECE/TRANS/152 |
| 3. | Follow-up work in ITC subsidiary bodies | TRANS/WP.1/2003/1/Rev.3
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Informal documents |
| 4. | Work underway in other fora | |
| 5. | Update of the inventory on safety in tunnels | |
| 6. | Other issues | |

Tuesday, 20 January 2004

Technical visit to the Cadi Tunnel in the Pyrenees and to the Vallvidrera Tunnel (Barcelona). The visit to the Vallvidrera tunnel, which is about 15 minutes from the airport, is optional.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: TRANS/AC.7/14.

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Results of the 65th session of the Inland Transport Committee

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/152.

The Group of Experts will be informed about the decisions of the sixty-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee (Geneva, 19-21 February 2003) regarding safety in tunnels.

3. Follow-up work in ITC subsidiary bodies

Documentation: TRANS/WP.1/2003/1/Rev.3; TRANS/WP.1/2003/3/Rev.3; TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/38; *Informal documents.*

The Group of Experts will be informed about the follow-up given to the recommendations of the Group of Experts in subsidiary bodies of the Inland Transport Committee including the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), and Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15).

The Group of Experts will also be informed about the results of discussions by WP.15 at its session in January 2004 on signs restricting the transport of dangerous goods in tunnels.

Information will also be given on the progress of work on safety in rail tunnels.

4. Work underway in other fora

Representatives of other fora dealing with safety in road tunnels are requested to provide information on the following:

- the different specialised Working Groups of PIARC;
- the XXIInd PIARC World Congress "Connecting the World";
- UPTUN (Cost-effective, Sustainable and Innovative Upgrading Methods for Fire Safety in Existing Tunnels);
FIT (Fire in Tunnels) and the 1st International Symposium "Safe and Reliable Tunnels";
- "Innovative European Achievements", a seminar to be co-organized in Prague on 4-6 February 2004 by the European projects/networks DARTS, FIT and UPTUN; and
- the new European thematic network SafeT, funded by EC DGTREN and chaired by the Netherlands.

The representative of the European Commission is invited to provide information on progress in the issuance of an EU Directive and on the EU awareness campaign on safety in tunnels.

5. Update of the inventory on safety in tunnels

Members of the Group of Experts are invited to provide information on any new national developments concerning safety in tunnels, including on any new tunnels to be included in the UNECE inventory of tunnels of 1000 metres or more in length and on any new national regulations regarding road tunnel safety.

6. Other issues

The Group of Experts may discuss any other relevant issues under this item, including the scheduling of its next meeting.
